

Expressing Extravagant Love (Mark 14:1-11)

Proposition: Every child of God should endeavor to express an extravagant love for the Lord Jesus in our daily lives despite the five obstetrical found in our text and for the one objective found in these same verses.

Express Extravagant Love for Jesus...

- I. Despite the Contempt for the Saviour (Vs. 1-2)
- II. Despite the Condition of the Surroundings (Vs. 3a-b)
- III. Despite the Cost of the Sacrifice (Vs. 3b-c)
- IV. Despite the Complaint of the Spectators (Vs. 4-5)
- V. Despite the Conspiracy of the Satanic (Vs. 10-11)
- VI. To Discover the Commendation of the Sovereign (Vs. 6-9)

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When I was in collage one of my favourite country songs was a song entitled "John Dear Green" it's about this country boy who loved his girlfriend so much that he

climbed up on the local water tower and wrote "Billy Bob loves Darlene" in John Dear Green paint. He wrote it in large letters big enough for every body to see. It may have been a little over the top but one thing was sure no one questioned Billy Bob's love for Darlene.

That same extravagant love is found here in our text a Mary of Bethany anoints the head of the Lord Jesus. We would all do well to follow the ~~example~~ ^{example} of Mary and live out a daily life of extravagant love for the Lord.

I. Despite the contempt for the Saviour

The chief priests and the scribes peered at Jesus with a glare that could kill. They had had just about all they could take of this man's word and deeds that seemed to be undermining their traditions and thereby their grip on the people. They despised him and wanted

him dead. Their plan was to hand him over to the Romans. But the popularity of Jesus was so perfect that to take him now in pass-over would be disastrous. So they watch looking for any angle of attack. Such prominent leaders or political figures would be

been easily noticed. But here comes Mary, not deterred or deterred by their hatred of Jesus. Don't let those that have contempt + hate for Jesus keep you from
II. Despite the Condition of the Surroundings
In Bethany... They weren't in the Great and notable city of Jerusalem but in a small town in the suburbs. When it comes to pleasing the Lord Jesus with our sacrificial love it matters little where we are located. House of Simon the Leper. A Leper. No doubt one that Jesus had healed. Probably still suspect to the outside world. Simon the Leper was a man w/ pretty defiled past, yet right there in the middle Mary gave her all to Christ. "as he sat at meat." Matthew tells us disciples were there. It was very much public. It may have seemed a little awkward, but time was of the essence. No matter what the surroundings, of the conditions, we ought to come with our extravagant love...

III. Despite the Cost of the Sacrifice
She had an alabaster box of ointment of spikenard. The wording indicates that this ointment or perfume, came from India from the hills on the banks of the Ganges River. It was undiluted very potent + pungent in its fragrance. The cost of such a possession was close to that of a work man's annual salary (155). Can you imagine giving a one time offering of an annual salary. 20K 30K dollars? Yet what a deserving gift!

1) ...for the Lord Jesus. But although this expression of love was pleasing to the Lord Jesus, it does not mean that there were no obstacles that had to be scaled to give such an extravagant token of love. That's what I want to focus in on. Every child of God should endeavor to express an extravagant love for the Lord Jesus in our daily lives despite the five obstetrical found in out text and for the one objective found in these same verses.

2) ...keep you from expressing your love for Christ.

row and to not, please, give up your 1.9 ... (1)

on one hand, this is a very good thing ...

imagined by the state of being ...

In this case, the state of being ...

but **1)** ...last time you just broke the bottle and gave him every bit of

this ... what you have been holding back?

... (2)

... (3)

to the one who would give all for us. This alabaster box would have had a narrow outlet or neck to prevent a sudden spill. The ointment probably came out in small amounts on the finger. She broke it, so that all was released. So many of us are a little dab will do. When was the last time you?

IV. Despite the Complaint of the Spectator

Such a spectacle of love and devotion is sure to cause the onlookers to recoil. John 12 reveals the identity of this spectator that complained as Judas did not. It seemed noble and holy to bring this accusation. Poor? And it's good to give to the poor. But not at the expense of taking away from Christ! Example: Salvation

Army: No longer about Christ just the poor. But there are those that will look at your extravagant love and say "what a waste." What a waste of time! church. What a waste of status! Holy life. What a waste of resource! Giving. Let them say all they want. He's worth it!

V. Despite Conspiracy of the Satanic

(10-11) It seems as though this gem of outlandish over the top offering of civility is prefixed and suffixed, bookended if you will by the sinister desire and plot to destroy Jesus. Love never looks brighter than when it is persecuted.

But the plan of Satan, hatched in the pit of hell, was being hatched in the mind of the Son of Perdition while Mary was awaiting the head of Jesus. In the years that lie ahead for Mary, life would not be easier.

Jesus would die... buried... resurrected... and a new persecution would invade the lives of all believers. But the uncertainty of the future did not dissuade Mary. Go ahead and sacrifice no matter what.

VII. To Discover the Commendation of the Son
reign. I've given you the obstacles to expressing extravagant love. But now I want to give you the objective that trumps all obstacles. Let her alone! Hey, don't worry about Bertha. Better than you. You worship God! Don't worry about the plans of Satan.

A good work. What we do in our private & family devotions and in this church is just as good a work as handing out food and clothes at the shelter. The Poor is always going to be around, but you keep the Main thing the main thing. She had been hearing what apparently no one else was hearing death & burial. That will sure enough produce astonishing acts of love. Jesus commended. I want to have that.

VII. Close - On his ride home of a girl who's boyfriend painted her name on rock. They break up... This is not a fly by night here today gone tomorrow here. Love of God she'd absorbed in heart & all never leave... Break hearts

1) ...no matter what the devil has planned for you around the corner!

2) ...to have that commendation in in my life. I want to live such an abandoned extavigant life of love for the Lord Jesus that it would be written on my tomb stone honestly: He hath done what he could!